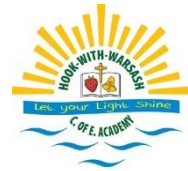


HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Friday 20 June 2025



Dear Parents

We are now in a very busy half term with so much going on in school - the production, educational visits, Parents Evenings and so on. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Infant Sports Day earlier this week, and we are looking forward to the Junior event on Monday morning.

Staffing

Many congratulations to **Gina Herring** who had her baby “Ruby” on 9th June. Mother and Baby are doing well and we look forward to seeing them soon.

At the end of this school year some valued members of staff will be leaving our team.

Rachel Bendell – Rachel has worked at the school for the past 6 years teaching in years 3, 4 and 5. She has now decided to take a break from the teaching profession and to move onto something new. I am sure you will join with us in wishing her all the best with everything she does in the future.

Alice Gaebler – Alice who first worked at the school in 1999 is retiring. She has been a dedicated member of staff, always with a smile on her face and I know that many children have enjoyed having the opportunity to work with her. We wish Alice a long and happy retirement.

Kate Jinks – has worked in year 2 for the past year as the classroom assistant in 2H. We have been very grateful for all of her hard work and wish her all the best.

Organisation of next year - You will no doubt have recognised that we have experienced an unusually high level of pregnancies amongst our staff this year and as a result we are still in the process of recruiting some support staff and agreeing returns to work following maternity leaves. This means that we will be beginning the process of developing next year's class lists later than normal. I thought it would therefore be helpful to let you know that it is our intention to inform children of their classes and to carry out transition sessions with the children on Monday 14th July.

Transition dates – The end of term will soon be upon us. Year 2 to 3 Parents Transition meeting will be on **Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 3:40pm** in Class 3H. The meeting for Year R to 1 will be on **Thursday 10th July at 2:30pm in 1H**.

Parents' Evenings – Face to face Parents' Evenings for all year groups will be taking place on **Monday 14 July and Tuesday 15 July 2024**. Further information about how to book will follow. **Lee Haywood from Online Safety UK** will also be available on 15 July for bookable appointments to discuss online safety or provide some practical assistance in understanding how to put child safety measures into your electronic devices.

Leavers' Service - We will be holding our Leavers' Service on **Tuesday 22 July at 9.30am** at St Mary's Church. Parents of children who will be leaving the school are invited to join us for this celebration.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies – Year 6 children will be able to wear their leavers' hoodies to school from Monday 14th July through to 21st July. We would however ask that they return to normal school uniform for their final day at Hook on Tuesday 22nd July.

Heartstart – It was our intention for all of the children to have Heartstart sessions throughout the summer term during which they would have been taught about what to do in an emergency medical situation. Unfortunately, it has been necessary to move these sessions for the children into the next academic year. However, the Heartstart team would instead like to offer parents and carers the opportunity to attend an evening session where they will teach you about how to carry out CPR and deal with bleeding or choking incidents. This would involve a practical session lasting for two to three hours which would take place in the school hall. Heartstart are happy to do this towards the end of this academic year and/or in the Autumn term. In order for us to gauge the interest in training sessions such as these please complete the following on-line form <https://forms.office.com/e/2TimGkZEsm>

SEND Meetings - We are currently facing a large number of families asking for meetings for their children for a range of reasons. Mrs Hine is trying hard to fit all of these requests in but please be aware that, due to the additional transitional workload at this time of year for pre-schoolers and year 6 children who are moving on, she may need to schedule some of these meetings to take place in the autumn term.

Fareham Community Showcase, West St, Fareham – Saturday 5th July 10am-4pm

Organised by Community First. Featuring a variety of stalls, entertainment, and activities, the event offers local organisations a unique opportunity to connect with residents, attract new volunteers, and fundraise, all while celebrating the incredible community spirit of Fareham.

Fareham's Big Weekend, Fareham Town Centre – Saturday 12th 10am-6pm and 13th July 10am-4pm

Organised by FBC in partnership with organisations around the town centre. From Fareham Shopping Centre to the waterfront, from Fareham Leisure Centre to Fareham Live, partner organisations and businesses across Fareham will be coming together to put on a huge variety of events and activities to showcase just how much the town has to offer. More details at www.fareham.gov.uk/bigweekend

Fareham Food Festival, West St, Fareham – Saturday 19th July 11am-6pm

Organised by Grub & Groove Events. A selection of food stalls, street food and bars with live music along the pedestrianised area of Fareham Town Centre.

Play at the Podium, West St, Fareham – every Thursday from 7th-28th August 11am-1pm

Organised by FBC. We will be offering free Children's activities at the Performance Podium. Each week there will be a main activity (7th August – Circus Skills, 14th - Crazy M, 21st - Puppet show and 28th - Interactive Story Telling) alongside these activities there will be Arts and Crafts being offered by Craft Makery to get involved with and Hair Braiding. This will be a hub of fun and activity in the heart of the town during the Summer Holidays.

Pop up gym equipment on West St, Fareham – 11th-25th August

There will be static outdoor gym equipment including a Cross-trainer, spinning bike, recumbent bike, arm bike. Suitable for 13yrs and over. Free to use.

Play Day, Holly Hill Woodland Park - Wednesday 13th August 11am-3:30pm

Organised by FBC. The Play Day event offers a range of woodland themed activities for all the family. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy a day in the woods, with activities such as den building, woodland crafts and more! This year children can make a jellyfish, hedgehog collage, bird feeder and a leaf puppet. Hampshire Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, Bird Aware Solent, Hampshire Healthy Families, Hampshire Healthy Steps and Let's Talk Fareham Roadshow will also be in attendance. Tickets must be booked in advance (£3 for 3yrs and over). More info on how to book is here www.fareham.gov.uk/playday

Fareham Town Centre Regeneration - Fareham Borough Council would like to invite parents to apply to take part in their 'Let's Talk Progress: Fareham Town Centre Panel'. As part of the Council's ongoing delivery of its Town Centre Regeneration Strategy, there will be a range of changes and improvements to Fareham town centre. To ensure these changes are developed to incorporate the needs and aspirations of the community, the Council is establishing an online panel to monitor public perception and help inform future development.

The Council wants to create a panel that reflects the Fareham community – across all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and experiences. Whether you live, work, visit or use the Town Centre in any way they want to hear your views.

Members will be able to: Share their views / Influence real changes / Help make Fareham Town Centre even better

Participants in the panel will be invited to complete brief surveys twice a year. In recognition of their contributions, they will be entered into prize draws for town centre-related rewards. Those interested in joining the panel are encouraged to apply online: [Let's Talk Progress: Fareham Town Centre Sign up Form](#) applications will be open until 31 July.

Regards

Sara Willoughby

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Headteacher

Attachments: St Mary's Church Flyer / HMS Festival Flyer / Swim School Flyer / FBC Community Flyers / Fareham Town Centre Regeneration Flyer

Diary Dates:

Day	Date	Events	Clubs
Mon	23 Jun	Junior Sports Day HMS Music – Woodwind (pm) Y6 Production Choreography 3:30/4:30pm	KS1 Art Club 3:30/4:30pm
Tue	24 Jun	Y4 Mary Rose Trip HMS Music – Guitar	Y5/6 Cricket 8:00-8:45am Spanish Lunchtime Y1/2 Dodgeball 3:30/4:30pm
Wed	25 Jun	HMS Music – Brass / Keyboard	French Lunchtime Y3 Football Lunchtime

			KS2 Art Club 3:30/5:00pm Judo 3:30pm & 5:30pm
Thurs	26 Jun	KS2 Production Choir 3:30/4:30pm	Y5/6 Cricket Lunchtime No KS1 Art Club
Fri	27 Jun	Non-Uniform Day (For Raffle Prize donation) PTFA Summer Fair 3:30pm-6:30pm HMS Music Lessons – Drums Y3 Swimming	No Y3-6 Dodgeball

Wed 02 July	Y1 Trip to Science Museum Winchester Penguin New Yr. R Visit 1:30pm-2:30pm
Thurs 03 July	Turtles New Yr. R Visit 1:30pm-2:30pm
Fri 04 July	Y6 Brookfield Induction Day
Mon 07 July	Y6 Tech Day at Waypoint Church Y6 Brookfield Sports Festival
Tue 08 July	Whole School Dress Rehearsal at Waypoint Church Y6 Brookfield Parent Information Evening Production (pm)
Wed 09 July	Production (pm)
Thurs 10 Jul	YR-Y1 Transition Meeting 2:30pm Class 1H Listen2Me Concert 2:30-3:10pm Production (pm)
Fri 11 Jul	Inset Day
Mon 14 July	Early Finish Inf 3:05pm & Juniors 3:15pm Parents Evening
Tue 15 July	Early Finish Inf 3:05pm & Juniors 3:15pm Parents Evening
Wed 16 July	Y2-Y3 Transition Meeting 3:40pm
Thurs 17 Jul	Theme Menu – Hot Dog Day Rock2theBeat Concert 2:40-3:10pm
Fri 18 July	Y6 Leavers Party
Tues 22 Jul	Leavers Service 9:30am – St Mary’s Church Last Day of Term
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
Wed 03 Sept	School Restarts for Years 1-6